

Fort Hood Area Enlisted Spouses' Club
4th Annual Breakfast With Santa
December 3rd 2005
8:30 am to 10:30 am
At Applebee's in Killeen
Tickets \$5.00 Children 3 and under FREE

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2 DEC at Clear Creek Pk

or
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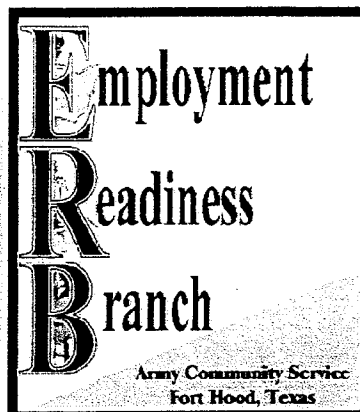
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CAREER MONTHLY

AN ACS EMPLOYMENT READINESS PUBLICATION

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10 Common Financial Mistakes Made By Job Seekers

"Your Job Search Network"

You may be between jobs for any number of reasons. Most military spouses are seeking employment because they have left a job/career to relocate with their military sponsor. Some are returning to work after staying at home to raise the children or taking care of sick or elderly family members. Some spouses are new graduates from college or vocational school or in the process of a career change. Some had their own business and now would like to mainstream again. These are just a few reasons why you may be looking for employment.

Depending on your experience with the military you may have encountered a few of the following mistakes:

1. Not taking a part-time position. You may be holding out for a full time position. You still can job search while you are working part-time.
2. Falling for get-rich-quick schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Check out all employers or businesses with the Better Business Bureau and 287-CITY.
3. Not starting a bare bones budget quickly. Do a reality check with your budget and get your family involved.
4. Not contributing to savings, both during unemployment and after. Not maintaining a cash reserve.
5. Not asking for/accepting assistance soon enough. Seek professional budgeting assistance, check with ACS Financial Readiness Branch, 288-2862. You may be eligible for governmental assistance, child care assistance, food stamps, etc. Check with your childrens' school for reduced or free lunches.
6. Underestimating the time between jobs. The length of time between jobs is important because you will be stretching your resources. You can expect to be out of work for 6 months to 2 years depending on your industry, income goals, your community, and your networking ability.

7. Not thinking creatively to reduce expenses and increase income. Renting a movie versus paying for the family to go to the movies. Using coupons when shopping, going to the library instead of buying or renting books and movies.
8. Relying on credit cards or savings to get 'over the hump.' Using your credit cards for daily expenses such as gas and food not for emergency.
9. Holding out for a great job when a good one will work.

Portions Taken from 'Financial Survival between Jobs'

by Amy Lindgren, Prototype Career Services

For more information on this article, contact the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Branch by calling 254-288-2089 or visit us on-line at www.hoodmwr.com/acs/erb.html.

Let the ACS Employment Readiness Branch (ERB) assist you!
Services include:
Job Search Assistance
Career Counseling and Coaching
Centralized Job Bank
Resume/Job Application Development
Employment Education and Training Workshops

FEATURED CLIENT

Aura Irby was placed as an LVN with Scott and White Hospital. She says, "I attended the resume development workshop as well as the interview and communication skills workshops. ERB helped me to develop my self-esteem and improved my job interview techniques."



Comments made by clients after attending workshops:

"I scheduled myself feeling rather skeptical. It turned out to be well worth my time."

"I made three contacts today that were very helpful towards the careers I am pursuing."

"This is a great program. It was very beneficial to my job search process."

ACS
Employment Readiness Branch
"Your Job Search Network"

Bldg. 4220
South 77th Street
Fort Hood, TX 76544

Phone: 254-288-2089
Fax: 254-285-5233
E-Mail: fthoodacserb@hood.army.mil
Website: www.hoodmwr.com/acs/erb.html

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m. except federal holidays

Vision

Military Spouses at Fort Hood
will be afforded the opportunity to
develop a career/work plan.

Mission

Provides quality, timely, and
accurate employment information
to give the competitive edge needed
to secure employment.

Program Goal

The **Employment Readiness
Branch (ERB)** assists military
spouses and eligible clients in
overcoming the significant
difficulties associated with
finding employment, especially
during relocation.

ERB Staff

Teresa Shipman
Branch Manager
Marie Irving
Education Trainer
Adrianne Todd
Office Associate



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Tuesday 0830-1030 "Writing A Winning Resume" - Resume and Application Development Workshop. Learn how to create a resume that employers will read. Co-sponsored by Jobs 4 Military Families at Central Texas Workforce Center, Killeen. Call to register 254-288-2089.

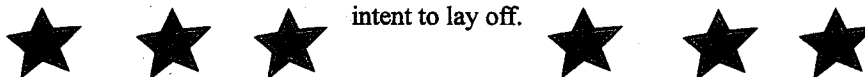
Every Tuesday 1315-1430 "The NETWORK" (Newcomers' Employment Training Workshop) Orientation targeted to newly arriving military spouses and family members seeking employment. Bldg. 4220. Call to register 254-288-2089.

Every Thursday 0830-1130 "Making a Great Impression" - Interview and Communication Techniques Workshop. Ace your next interview. Co-sponsored by Jobs 4 Military Families at Central Texas Workforce Center, Killeen. Call to register 254-288-2089.

GEE, I WANT A JOB

JOBS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES GRANT

Jobs 4 Military Families is a Central Texas Workforce System project that is supported and guided by local community leaders on Fort Hood. Services are for military family members over the age of 18 who left employment to accompany a military service member to Fort Hood and also for civilian personnel on Fort Hood who are given notice of intent to lay off.



TIPS OF THE TRADE

Free Credit Reports

Nowadays more employers are requesting a credit check on their potential employees. Some financial institutions will not even call you for an interview based on your credit history even though you are qualified. You should know what is on your report. You may request a free credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com or calling 1-877-322-8228.



EDUCATION TIDBITS

Shorten Your Path to a College with CLEP!

The College-Level Examination Program® or CLEP provides students of any age with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in undergraduate college courses. There are 2,900 colleges that grant credit and/or advanced standing for CLEP exams. Why take CLEP exams? By taking one or more CLEP exams in your strong subjects, you'll save time and money; make college more interesting; graduate on time; and satisfy a proficiency requirement.

For more information: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html>

USEFUL WEBSITES

Fort Hood ACS	www.hoodmwr.com/acs.html
Fort Hood MWR	www.hoodmwr.com
MWR	www.armymwr.com
Fort Hood Home Page	www.hood.army.mil
Texas Workforce Commission	www.twc.state.tx.us
Central Texas College	www.ctcd.cc.tx.us
Dept. of Army Positions	www.cpol.army.mil
Open Contract List	http://ccmd.hood.army.mil
Financial Aid	http://www.salliemae.com/
Army Life Resources	www.myarmylifetoo.com
Military Spouse Job Search	www.msjs.org



Tests for College Credit

Your can earn college credit for previous knowledge through CLEP, DSST (DANTES), Excelsior College Exams.

The nearest DANTES testing facility is located at

Kuwait---Camp Doha

ARCENT---KU Education Center

APO AE 09889-9900

Commercial phone: 965.468.5094 DSN: 318.5094

FAX: 965.468.5098 DSN: 318.5098

Study guides are by Barron, COMEX, Petersons, ETS, College Board. Sample tests and materials are available at www.freeuniv.com and www.voled.doded.mil.

Central Texas College Distance Learning

The website <http://online.ctcd.edu> lists class schedules, course catalog, SOC degree plans, and course and materials.

Email: online.mentors@ctcd.edu

Phone: 1.800.792.3348, x1296

Excelsior College Distance Learning

Excelsior College offers upper level, undergraduate, instructor-led courses delivered via CD-ROM.

Visit their website at www.excelsior.edu. Click on "Services for Military Students", then "Air Force, Army, & Marine Corps Distance Learning Program" and then select "Course Offerings".

View instructor-led courses; select only CD-ROM instructor-led upper level courses (300/400).

TA covers only tuition, view the Excelsior College Bookstore link to order and pay for books.

Follow the Excelsior requirements to establish your test proctor.

Email: Military@excelsior.edu

Phone: 1.888.647.2388, x 135

Fax: 1.518.464.777

College for Deploying Soldiers

Fort Hood Education Options for Deployed Soldiers



E-mail Instructions

Email your questions and request for information to Timothy.R.Cline@us.army.mil . When contacting Education Services, please include your SSN, and unit, for confidentiality, it is recommended your AKO or military account be used. Difficulty has been experienced when using other servers.

Overview

- IAW AR 621-5 Distance Learning Requirements
- TA ceiling cap \$4500
- TA semester hour cap \$250
- Authorized for Accredited Institutions
- One course at a time while deployed

Enrollment (until 31 Mar 06)

When requesting tuition assistance through ESD, we need the following:

- Degree plan from your school
- Copy of your transcripts
- Tuition and fee chart for your school

The following for the course for which you are requesting tuition assistance:

- (1) Course name, number, and acronym
- (2) Delivery method of course (correspondence, classroom, online,)
- (3) Start date and end date of course
- (4) Days and times of course, if relevant

Tuition assistance must be received, approved by a Counselor, processed and returned to you prior to the start of the class. Applying for TA does not constitute approval. Soldiers should not enroll without an approved TA.

Enrollment (1 Apr 06)

Centralized Tuition Assistance (CTAM)
TA REQUEST WILL BE ONLINE!
www.goarmyed.com

You must visit the website and register. If you have never used TA, you must have a Guidance Counselor approve your degree plan and issue a Statement of Understanding (SOU).
<http://esd.hood.army.mil>

Previous TA students w/GPA of 2.0 or better may visit the site, log on and take courses on the eArmyU site.

Keys to Success:

- See a Guidance Counselor prior to deployment.
- Have a degree plan on file.
- Take ASSET test for Math/English prior to departing.
- Take a TABE Test to determine your readiness for College studies.



Fort Hood Morale, Welfare and Recreation November / December 2005

November 11 through January 8 – Nature in Lights at Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area

- Largest drive-thru display of holiday lights in Central Texas.
- \$7 per vehicle. Receive a \$2 discount before Thanksgiving. Special rates apply to vehicles with 15 or more passengers.
- Visit Santa's Village for pictures with Santa, treats, entertainment and arts and crafts vendors. Open Friday through Saturday Nov. 18 – Dec. 11, Thanksgiving Day and nightly Dec. 16 – 24 from 5:30 – 11 p.m.
- For more information or directions to BLORA, call 287-2523 or visit www.hoodmwr.com.
- Arts and crafts vendor space is available. Call Barbara Newberry at 532-2586.

November 16 - Sprint & Nextel Mini Job Fair

- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, S. 77th Street, bldg 4220.
- Hiring for Customer Lifecycle and Account Services Representatives. Interested candidates must submit a resume at www.nexteljobs.com.
- Registration is required to attend this event. Call 288-2089 or email fthoodacserb@hood.army.mil.

November 17 – International Spouses Support Group Multicultural Marriage Seminar

- 1:30 p.m. Lane Volunteer Center, Old Ironsides at Hood Road, bldg 16005.
- Presented by David and Sunny McKee.
- Gain valuable information about English as a Second Language, employment, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Call ACS Relocation Readiness Program for more information 287-4471.

November 19 – November Four-Person Scramble at the Courses of Clear Creek

- \$20 plus greens and cart rental fees and includes lunch!
- Register from 8 to 8:45 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- Come out and play to win gift certificates valued up to \$1,000 (based on 25 foursomes).
- FREE demonstrations will be provided by PING! Take a test drive with all of the latest equipment offered by one of the leading equipment manufacturers in the industry.
- Call 287-4130 for more information.

November 19 – The First Teen Townhall

- 2 p.m. at the Comanche Youth Center, Tank Destroyer, bldg 52019, 287-5834.
- A unique opportunity for teens to talk about a social club concept with Fort Hood leaders.
- Army children 6th through 12th grades are invited to participate, parents are encouraged to attend.
- For more information, contact 287-6124 or MWR Public Relations at 287-5372

November 24 – Thanksgiving Day Buffet at the Officers' Club

- Everyone's welcome.
- Two seatings: 11 – 1 p.m. and 2 – 4 p.m.
- \$17.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children 6-12 and \$2.95 for children 1-5.
- Call 532-5073 to make reservations.

December 3 – Army vs. Navy football game Party at Legends Pub

- Enjoy the game on a big screen.
- Doors open at 1 p.m., game starts at 1:30.
- Open to everyone.
- No cover charge.
- Free snacks and door prizes.
- 24th and Tank Destroyer next to the Officers' Club, 532-5329.

December 12 - Estate Planning for Special Needs Family Members Class

- 6-8 p.m. in the Comanche Chapel, Tank Destroyer.
- This class teaches parents of a child with special needs how to ensure that their child will be taken care of in the event of their death.
- Childcare can be provided with a reservation
- Call ACS Exceptional Family Member Program at 287-6070

December 16 – “Lights on For Life” Day

- Join the rest of the nation and drive with your vehicle lights on throughout the day in memory to those who lost their lives to drunk drivers and a reminder for everyone not to drink and drive.
- For more information and to learn more about the Tie-One-On for Safety Red Ribbon campaign, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 618-7446.

December 18 – Santa’s Headquarters at the Officers’ Club

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- All you can eat brunch, pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, face painting and arts and crafts vendors.
- \$12.95 for adults, \$5.50 children 6-12 and \$2.50 for children 1-5.
- Reservations are recommended, call 532-5329.
- Arts and crafts vendor space available, call Gaby at 532-5329.

December 23 – Christmas Bingo Special

- Community Events Center, Clear Creek Road, bldg 50012, 532-9253.
- Get into the Christmas spirit and try your luck to win some extra money for last minute gifts! Come and have some fun at one of the best kept secrets on Fort Hood!
- Special Christmas coverall game for a \$500 pot, 53 numbers called or less! Pot drops to \$300 thereafter.

December 31 – New Year’s Eve Party at the Phantom Warrior Center

- 9:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.
- Complimentary breakfast, champaign and the music of Sensual Soul.
- Advance tickets are \$20 and are available at the Officers’ Club, 532-5329. Tickets are \$30 at the door.
- Dress to impress in black and white attire.

Army Emergency Relief Announces the MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund

- For the 2006 -2007 post secondary schools academic year.
- Children of Army Soldiers, under 22 years of age, and unmarried during the entire academic year can apply for a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,200.
- Applications will be accepted until March 1 2006.
- For more information and to obtain an application, visit www.aerhq.org or call the Fort Hood AER office at 288-7292.

ACS Exceptional Family Member Program Offering Free Recurring Classes

- “Presentation on Bullying” on the fourth Monday of each month from 6-8 pm in the Comanche Chapel. This class approaches bullying from the perspective of both the victim and the predator.
- “Estate Planning for Special Needs” on the second Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m. in the Comanche Chapel. This class teaches parents of a child with special needs how to ensure that their child will be taken care of in the event of their death.
- You do not have to be registered with EFMP to participate.
- Child care will be provided with a reservation.
- For more information, call 287-6070.

Apache Arts & Crafts

- Cyber Surf Café is has been reopened to service your internet needs. Only \$1 for 15 minutes, or for the best value, purchase a punch card for \$40 and get 10 hours. Open Tues. – Sat. from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Drawing & Sketching classes offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 -7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$15 per class.
- Pottery classes are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for \$15 plus clay.
- Beginner crochet is offered every Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for \$10. The intermediate class is every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$15 per student.
- Candle making is every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-5 p.m. Limit 2 students per class, only \$20 per person.
- For more information about these classes and more, call 287-0343.

Army Substance Abuse Program’s Tie-One-On for Safety Red Ribbon Campaign

- Don’t drink and drive this holiday season!, Tie a “Red Ribbon” On your vehicle antenna to signify your commitment to drive safe and sober.
- Pick up your red ribbon from your unit or at various post locations during the campaign through January 1, 2006.
- Units can contact the ASAP, Support Avenue at 58th Street, bldg 2241.
- For more information, call 618-7446.

Sign up for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Annual Ski Trip to Keystone, Colorado

- January 13-16, 2006.
- \$650 per person, payment plans are available, 51 seats only.
- Trip includes bus transportation to and from airport, roundtrip airline tickets, three nights lodging, ski or snowboard rental, two-day lift ticket and FREE ski lessons.
- Contact Fort Hood BOSS 287-6116, or email lincoln.brevard@hood.army.mil to reserve your space today!

Casablanca's Valentine's Cruise

- Cruise to Cozumel, Cayman Islands, and Jamaica on Feb. 12 for eight days on a Carnival Cruise Ship.
- Only \$705 per person.
- Stop by Casablanca located in the Equipment Checkout Center, bldg 4930, 285-2090.

ITR Has All of Your Entertainment

- The Army MWR web site can save you money on worldwide travel! Before you book your next trip, visit <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/lodging/patronlinks/sav.asp> to find information on 7-day resort vacations all over the world for only \$264. When booking, make sure you use Fort Hood's Information, Ticketing and Registration identification number: 173. For more information about this site and any of the services that ITR offers, call 287-7310.
- Pick-up discount vouchers to hotels in Arlington, San Antonio and Austin and save up to 40 percent.
- Get your discount tickets to the Circus Chimera November 18-20 at the Killeen Rodeo Grounds.
- For additional information call ITR at 287-7310.

Child and Youth Services Discounted Registrations

- All registrations are discounted until November 18.
- Discounted fees are: \$15 a year for one child, \$30 a year for two children, \$36 for a family of three or more.
- All new registrants will also be entered in a drawing for a FREE full month of child care, or a free sport registration of choice or two months of SKIES *Unlimited* Academy instructional class of choice.
- Call the Central Enrollment Registry Office at 287-8029.

Courses of Clear Creek Unlimited Winter Golf

- Pay for a round of golf and play unlimited holes after 12 p.m. through February 28, 2006.
- Everyday except weekends, training and federal holidays.
- \$18 DoD cardholders, \$20 for the general public, includes cart rental.
- For more information, call 287-4130.

Equipment Checkout Center

- From Nov. 1 – Mar. 31, ECOC checkout hours are Mon. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ECOC is your source for outdoor and party rental equipment.
- Call 287-4126 for more information.

Fort Hood Out of School Child Supervision Policy, a.k.a. Home Alone Policy

- CYS would like to remind parents of the policy described by FH Reg 210-48, Installation Housing Community Standards (17 Nov 03), Chapter 7. Requirements design to protect children residing on the installation.
- Children 10 years and under (11 years if in 5th grade) will be under direct supervision (line of sight) by an adult, parent, School Age Services site staff, designated teenager.
- Children 11 years old (12 years if in the 6th grade) will have monitored supervision.
- Youth 12 years (11 years if in the 6th grade) may be unattended for no more than 6 hours during a 24-hour period.
- Teenagers between the ages of 13-15 years may be left unattended between the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. but not to exceed 8 hours during a 24-hour period.
- Teenagers between the ages of 16-18 years (and in the 12th grade) will not be left unattended for more than 12 hours during a 24-hour period.
- Report violations to this policy by calling the ACS Family Advocacy Program at 287-CARE, or the Fort Hood Police at 287-4001.
- CYS can assist parents who are in need of care for their children. Call or visit the Central Enrollment Registry Office at 287-8029.

Legends Pub

- Officers' bar, no membership required.
- Open Tuesday through Friday, 4 p.m. to close.
- Located at 24th and Wainwright Dr. next to the Officers' Club.

MWR Skating and Wellness Center

- Aerobics available Mon. – Fri. at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. Sessions include step aerobics, hi/lo cardio and conditioning/strength training/toning.
- Skating classes offered every Friday 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., \$2 per person.
- Adult Skate Night, Saturdays 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- Skate to Christian music on Thursdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Available for private parties. Call 287-5623. They are located on 37th Street, bldg 324.

Patton's Inn open Wednesday – Friday at 4 p.m.

- Wednesdays - free tacos, no cover charge, music by Dr. J.
- Thursdays – free catfish, \$4 cover charge, music by Dr. J.
- Fridays - free chips and salsa.
- To book your next party at Patton's Inn, call 287-8484.

Phantom Warrior Lanes 1st Choice Combo Meal Promotion at Strike Zone

- As a thank you for making Strike Zone grill your first choice for lunch, the Phantom Warrior Lanes is offering a FREE combo meal after your sixth combo meal purchase.
- Pickup your FREE combo meal punch card to keep track of your purchases.
- Enter the completed punch card into another drawing for prizes!
- Promotion ends January 31, 2006. For more information, call PWL at 287-3424

Phantom Warrior Lanes Turkey Bowl

- Bowl 10 open bowling games and enter to win one of five turkeys for Thanksgiving!
- Pick up a 10 game punch card at the customer service counter.
- Open bowling games are \$2.75, \$1.50 per shoe rental.
- Drawing will be held on November 21.
- Call 287-3424 for more information.

SKIESUnlimited Academy and Apache Arts and Crafts Center Offer Youth Classes

- Ceramics, Drawing & sketching, leather crafting, woodshop, scrapbooking and stain glass for ages 8 to 18 years.
- Framing and sewing for ages 12 to 18 years.
- All classes will be held at Apache Arts and Crafts Center, 761st Tank Battalion at 62nd Street, bldg 2337.
- All students must be enrolled with Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry Office. Call 287-8029.
- For more information about class times and about the SKIESUnlimited Academy, call 287-4592.

Sportsmen's Center

- Free hunting and fishing licenses for active duty military with at least six months of Texas residency. \$64 value and includes all five state stamp endorsements: archery, freshwater fishing and migratory game bird, saltwater fishing with a red drum tag and upland game bird. Call 532-4552 for more information.
- Stop by for breakfast or lunch. Bldg. 1937, Rod and Gun Loop, 53rd St. and North Ave.

www.hoodmwr.com
MWR Public Relations 285-5372

Character Counts 4-H Winter Camp

27 thru 30 December
0900 to 1200
at Comanche Youth Center
Cost \$10.00

Baking Cookies and Making
Pillows.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

20 December
1000 to 1400
at Bronco Youth Center
Cost \$5.00

Learn to make ornaments,
candles and treat boxes.

4-H Sewing Workshop

19 December
1000 to 1400
at Bronco Youth Center
Cost \$5.00

Learn to make a tie or a tote to
keep or to give as a gift.

Winter Break Camps are a fun, exciting
way for your teen to spend part of
his/her winter break.

Attendance at most camps are limited
to teens in grades 6th-12th. Youth must
be registered with Child and Youth
Services to attend camps. Youth must
be family members of active duty,
retired military, Department of Defense
civilians, or DoD contractors employed
at Fort Hood. Legal proof of
guardianship is required for teens not
residing with parents.

Supervision will be provided by trained
personnel using a 1:15 ratio.

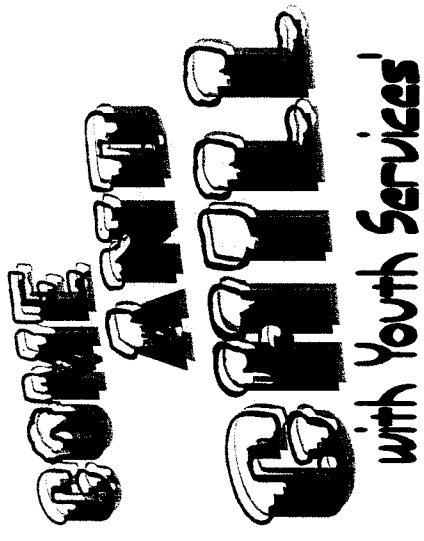
Spaces for each class are limited.
Register now at any Youth Center,
Tuesday-Saturday, 1200-2000.

For additional camp information,
contact the Youth Centers below:

Bronco YC	287-6745
Comanche YC	287-5834
High Chaparral YC	287-5646

CYS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Military ID Card
- Social Security Card for Child(ren)
- Up-to-date Immunization Records
- Health Assessment for Child(ren)
- Three Emergency Designees
- Family Care Plan, if Single or Dual
- Military
- Registration Fee



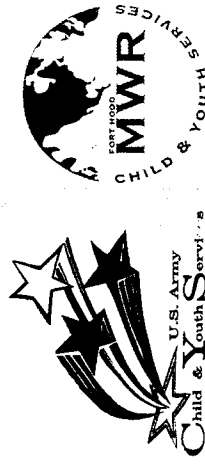
Winter Break

Events

December 19, 2005

through

December 30, 2005



Passport to Manhood Basketball Tournament

21 thru 30 December
1200 to 1800

at Comanche Youth Center

Enjoy a Holiday Basketball Slam Jam.

WINTER FITNESS MINI CAMP

27 thru 30 December
1000 to 1400

at Bronco Youth Center

Aerobics, personal wellness, virtual reality machine, free weights and more. Guest speakers and fitness trainers.

Youth Services Basketball Marathon

16 & 17 December
at Ironhorse Gym

Combined Categories include:

- * 1st thru 3rd Grade * 4th & 5th Grade
- * 6th & 7th Grade * 8th & 9th Grade
- * 10th thru 12th Grade * Adult Teams

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Register by 3 Dec. or \$10 Late Registration fee

Cost:

- \$30 for CYS registered members
- \$40 for non-CYS Youth Teams
- \$50 for Adult Teams

For information contact:
Comanche YC 287-5834

Club Tech Outing

23 December
1000 to 1400
at Bronco Youth Center

Teens will learn how technology plays into Broadcasting and Communication.

Promise Passport Community Service

"THE GIFT OF GIVING"

23 December
1000 to 1400
at Bronco Youth Center

Teens will collect socks, mittens and gloves and donate them to the Cove Emergency Shelter, singing Christmas songs and serving hot chocolate and cookies

Passport to Manhood and Smart Girls

"ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP"

21 December
1000 to 1400
at Bronco Youth Center
Cost \$10.00

This Clinic will Focus on leadership, values and etiquette. Teens will practice what they learn and have lunch at Ryan's Restraunt.

ACT and SAT Prep Course

20 & 21 December
1200 to 1400
at High Chaparral Youth Center

Teens will be given the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT computer Prep Course.

Holiday Crafts Workshop

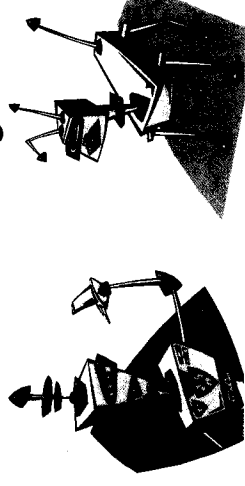
22 & 23 December
1200 to 1400
at High Chaparral Youth Center

Youth will participate in making "Foldy-Quilt" pot holders.

ROBOTICS CAMP

27 thru 30 December
1200 to 1400
at High Chaparral Youth Center

Expand your computer capabilities while having fun.



FORT HOOD SCHOOL AGE SERVICES SITES

Clarke/Oreta Culp Hobby SAS (254) 539-8692
Building 51612, on Comanche Avenue in Comanche II

Clear Creek SAS (254) 288-6310
Building 4800, on the Highway 190 access road near
Clear Creek Drive

Duncan SAS (254) 287-4362
Building 52802, on Muskogee Road in Comanche III

Montague Village SAS (254) 539-8695
Building 84001, on Clements Drive in West Fort Hood

Venable Village SAS (254) 526-4217
Building 60616, on Venable Village Drive in Venable

Walker-Meadows SAS (254) 287-7950
Building 85018, next to the Warrior Way Commissary



Winter Camp will be held at the
Walker-Meadows SAS site



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School Age Services

WINTER CAMP

2005

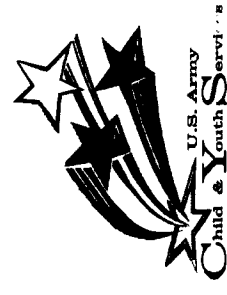
"Celebration of Lights!"

GET READY FOR THE



WINTER CAMP

OF ALL TIME!



Just take a look at some of the
TOTALLY AWESOME
 activities we have in store!



WINTER CAMP SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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Unless otherwise noted, all activities are ongoing throughout the entire day.

Monday, 19 December 2005 – Friday, 23 December 2005

4-H Arts and Crafts: Holiday Stockings

4-H Science: Stone Critters



Community Service Project: Caroling and taking slipper socks to the residents at the Rosewood Retirement Community

Better Living for Texas: Holiday Cookies

Boys and Girls Club: Triple Play



Hand washing Techniques

Character Counts! Pep Rally

Popcorn and a Movie: NOW SHOWING...



"Elf," "Polar Express," and "The Santa Clause 2"

Monday, 26 December 2005

CLOSED FOR THE OBSERVED FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 27 December 2005 – Friday, 30 December 2005

4-H Arts and Crafts: Stained Glass

4-H Science: Nature Walk



Project Learn: Holiday BINGO

4-H Arts and Crafts: Homemade Birdfeeder

Better Living for Texas: Gingerbread House

Character Counts! Pep Rally



Monday, 2 January 2006 (HAPPY NEW YEAR!)

CLOSED FOR THE OBSERVED FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 3 January 2006

4-H Arts and Crafts: Friendship Kit



...and much, much more including exciting field trips!

WINTER CAMP

REGISTRATION INFORMATION




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All children must be currently registered with Child and Youth Services. Registration for Child and Youth Services can be completed at the Central Enrollment Registry office located in the Copeland Soldiers' Service Center (Building 18010) in room 209B, Monday-Friday from 0730-1600. For information on registration with Child and Youth Services, please call 287-8029 or 288-7155.

To register for Winter Camp, please sign-up at any SAS site.

School Age Services' low rates are based on total family income and include all off-site trips and meals/snacks.

School Age Services is open to children in Kindergarten-5th grade.



*Fort Hood Child and Youth Services
Cordially invites you and your family
and friends to a Victorian Tea on
Tuesday, December 13, 2005*



*Five o'clock in the afternoon
At the Phantom Warrior Center
(Building 194, 761st Tank Battalion Avenue)*

*Please respond to your SAA site
or Youth Center (YC)
Sponsored by SAA, YC
and Sports And Fitness*

For more information call 287-7950





Federal Communications Commission

Unauthorized, Misleading, or Deceptive Charges Placed on Your Telephone Bill – "Cramming" <http://ftp.fcc.gov/ecb/consumerfacts/cramming.html>

Cramming is the practice of placing unauthorized, misleading, or deceptive charges on your telephone bill. Entities that fraudulently cram people appear to rely largely on confusing telephone bills in order to mislead consumers into paying for services that they did not authorize or receive.



Cramming Charges: What They Look Like

- Charges for services that are explained on your telephone bill in general terms – such as "service fee," "service charge," "other fees," "voicemail," "mail server," "calling plan," "psychic," and "membership;"
- Charges that are added to your telephone bill every month without a clear explanation of the services provided – such as a "monthly fee" or "minimum monthly usage fee,"
- Other charges from a local or long distance company for a service that it provides but, like the other examples, could be cramming if unauthorized.



Federal Trade Commission

Cramming: Mystery Phone Charges www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/services/cramming.thm

Here are some tips to help you avoid cramming scams.

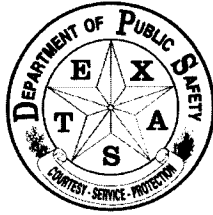
- ♦ Be aware that your local telephone company may bill for services provided by other companies. Your local phone bill may include charges for long distance telephone calls, information or entertainment services accessed through 900 numbers or presubscription agreements, club memberships, and non-basic telecommunications services like voice mail or paging.
- ♦ Carefully read the fine print before you fill out contest forms, especially if they ask for your phone number. Likewise, read the fine print before you place a call in response to a sweepstakes promotion.
- ♦ Examine your phone bill for recurring monthly charges. These charges typically appear as "Miscellaneous Charges and Credits." They may be so small, or described in such general terms, that they're easy to overlook or to confuse with valid services you may have ordered from another provider.



From the Files of Fort Hood's Consumer Affairs Office

While looking for good deals on the Internet you run across an offer for free coupons. All you have to do is fill out a form and you are sent to a site to access the coupons. Being a smart consumer you know not to give out your Social Security Number, account information, or credit card number so what could possibly go wrong?

Did you read the fine print and review the terms and conditions? You might have signed up for a voicemail system for your phone. All the company needs is your phone number and the charges will appear on your next monthly phone bill. Use caution when filling out "free offers" or other online forms and read the fine print. The devil is in the details.



Texas Department of
Public Safety

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS SAFE

at the

CHILD SAFETY SEAT FAIR

Child safety seat inspection sponsored by
Gov. Perry, Texas DPS and 21st Century Insurance



SATURDAY, Dec 10
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Pritchard Field (Hood Stadium)
4652 Railhead Blvd
Fort Hood, TX 76544

Old, broken and recalled child safety seats will be replaced free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Children must accompany the vehicle for proper child safety seat fitting.

TV star Erik Estrada will be on hand for pictures and autographs!

21st Century Insurance
Good people to call™



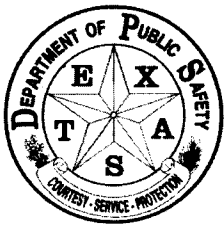
MEDIA ADVISORY – Saturday, Dec 10

Please also consider using in Community Calendar

Office of Gov. Perry, Texas DPS & 21st Century Insurance Sponsor Child Safety Seat Inspection Program on Fort Hood

*Actor Erik Estrada to Help Deliver Child Safety Message with Support of
Office of Gov. Rick Perry, Texas DPS and Auto Insurer*

DID YOU KNOW? ... KEY STATISTICS ON CHILD SEAT SAFETY:



Texas Department of
Public Safety

- **Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death** for children two years of age and for people of every age from four to 34 years (*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*).
- According to NHTSA, more than 80 percent of child safety seats are improperly installed!
- Latest NHTSA data: At least 80 percent of children who *should* ride in booster seats currently do not.
- **Texas law requires a child restraint (child safety seat or booster seat) to be used on children younger than five years of age and less than 36 inches tall.**



To help reduce preventable injuries and deaths, the Governor's Office, the Texas DPS and 21st Century Insurance will co-sponsor a child safety seat inspection and installation fair on **Saturday, December 10** at **Pritchard Field, 4652 Railhead Blvd.** Trained DPS troopers will inspect, install and, if necessary, replace child safety seats donated by 21st. In the past four years, more than 3,600 safety seat inspections have been conducted, more than 1,600 broken, outdated or recalled child safety seats have been destroyed, and 21st has donated more than 3,000 new child safety seats to families.

DPS inspectors will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, December 10, and participants will be helped on a first come, first served

basis. 21st will donate new child safety seats for participants who have broken, outdated or recalled child safety seats. Actor Erik Estrada will also be on hand.

Event Details & Visuals

Event:	Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation Fair
Location:	Pritchard Field (Hood Stadium) 4652 Railhead Blvd., Fort Hood, TX 76544
When:	Saturday, December 10 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Media Availability:	Actor Erik Estrada and THP Trooper Lonny Haschel available for interviews Friday and Saturday
Visuals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- DPS inspecting and educating parents how to properly install child safety seats- Dangerous child safety seats piling up, then destroyed- Actor Erik Estrada interacting with local residents

**Media Contacts: Maureen Rich (818) 728-3351
Jillian Green (818) 728-3353**

21st Century Insurance
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The Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Fund

Post Office Box 5299, Fort Hood Texas 76544

PURPOSE: The provide information on The Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Fund (FHAMFMSF).

BACKGROUND: The FHAMFMSF was established at Fort Hood in 1985. It is a type three private organization under the supervision of the Garrison Commander. It was designed to be the focal point for all family member scholarship activities on Fort Hood.

ELIGIBILITY:

- a. **HIGH SCHOOL** (1) The dependent child of an active duty U.S. military sponsor assigned to Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County, or (2) the dependent child (residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County) of an active duty military sponsor whose duty assignment immediately following Fort Hood is officially unaccompanied, or (3) the dependent child of a retired or deceased active duty member of the military forces residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County. The applicant must either be a high school graduate or have received a high school equivalency during the current school year, or have graduated before the end of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning (college or vocational). The applicant must possess a valid military identification card.
- b. **SPOUSE** (1) The spouse of an active duty U.S. military sponsor assigned to Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County, or (2) the spouse (residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County) of an active duty U.S. military sponsor, or (3) the spouse of a deceased or retired member of the military forces of the United States residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County. The spouse must be enrolled in an institution of higher learning (vocational or college). Applicant must be working toward a first undergraduate degree or a vocational certification and possess a valid U.S. military identification card.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS:

- a. Last year, vocational and college scholarship awards ranged from \$750 to \$3000. The size and number of scholarship awards are dependent upon the dollars donated to the scholarship fund.

- b. Last year, 61 high school students and spouses were awarded a total of \$74,750.

FUNDING:

- a. The largest donations come from on-post organizations. Military units, military associations, local businesses, civic organizations and individuals (many of them senior leaders) are also very generous in their support.
- b. Typically 96% of the donations are used for the scholarships; less than 4% are used for administrative costs.
- c. Donations must be received by **17 April 2006** to be distributed in the same year. All donations received after this date will be applied to scholarships for the following year.
- d. Awards are paid directly to the college or vocational school. Recipients of a full, four-year scholarship that covers room, board, tuition and books are not eligible for this scholarship and must decline the monies.

SELECTION:

- a. A special selection committee, headed by the III Corps Staff Judge Advocate, selects scholarship winners. All identifying information (name, address, telephone number, age, sponsor's rank, etc.) is removed from the photocopies of the applicant's file.
- b. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic merit, participation in school and community activities, letters of recommendations, and brief essay. Financial need is not considered.

APPLICATIONS:

- a. High school applications are available at high school guidance offices by November.
- b. Spouse applications are available on Fort Hood at the Lane Volunteer Center, the Casey Library, the Fort Hood Thrift Shop, the Main Education Center, and the 1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division Soldier and Family Readiness Centers. Applications will also be available at Central Texas College, Tarleton State University-Central Texas, and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.
- c. Application can also be downloaded from the following websites:
Fort Hood Officers Wives Club--<http://www.forthoodowc.org/>
Fort Hood Education Services Division--<http://esd.hood.army.mil/finaid.htm>

Application Deadline. Completed applications must be post-marked by **March 24, 2006** and mailed to FHAMFMSF.

Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 5299
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

Information. Call (254) 286-2334. This is a voice mailbox. Please leave a name and phone number, and we will return your call within 48 hours.

College Prep Classes

Winter 2005/2006

Designed to assist students in preparation for the THEA and other college entrance examinations

Enrollment begins with the Counselors in Building 33009

Enrollment paperwork is submitted to Building 33009 Room G261A

College Prep English <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides grammar review• Concentration on essay writing skills	College Prep Math <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fractions✓ Decimals✓ Percents✓ Integers✓ Proportions/Ratios✓ Basic Algebra Review
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Dates	Days	Class	Times
10/25/05 - 12/15/05	T/Th	English Math	5:15 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:30
01/26/06 - 03/28/06	T/Th	English Math	5:15 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:30

Holidays include: November 24th, February 20th, March 13th - March 18th

EDUCATION SERVICES DIVISION

BUILDING 33009, 761ST TANK BATTALION
SOLDIER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

NEWS

December 2005

5	New Student Orientation	1300
7	GI Bill and Voc Rehab Briefing	1300
13	ROTC Briefing	1300
14	Financial Aid Briefing	1300
24-26	Christmas Holidays observed	Closed
31 -2	New Years Holidays observed	Closed

January 2006

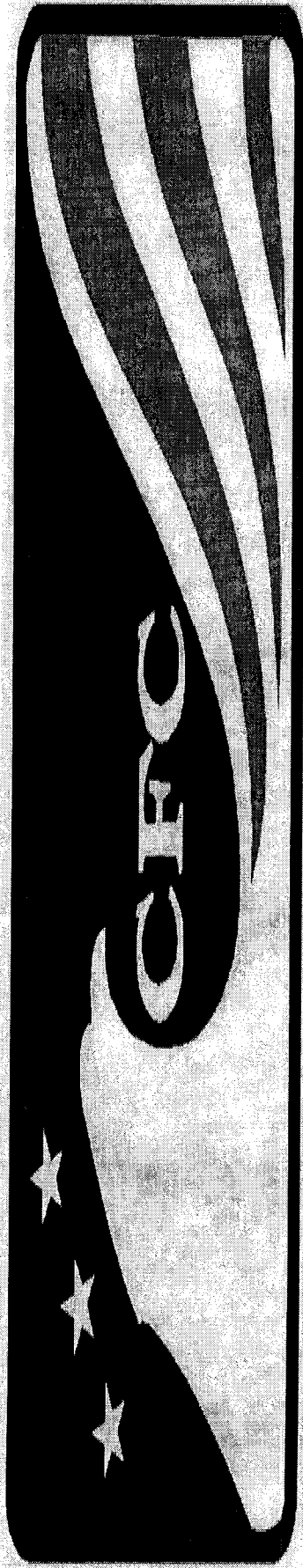
10	ROTC Briefing	1300
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Closed
18	Know Your GI Bill	1500

February 2006

6	New Student Orientation	1300
8	Financial Aid Briefing	1300
14	ROTC Briefing	1300
15	Know Your GI Bill	1300
20	President's Day	Closed
23	SENIOR NCO MILITARY EVAL DAY	0900-1600

"Train for Certainty;
Educate for Uncertainty"

SET YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS TODAY!



98%
Contacted

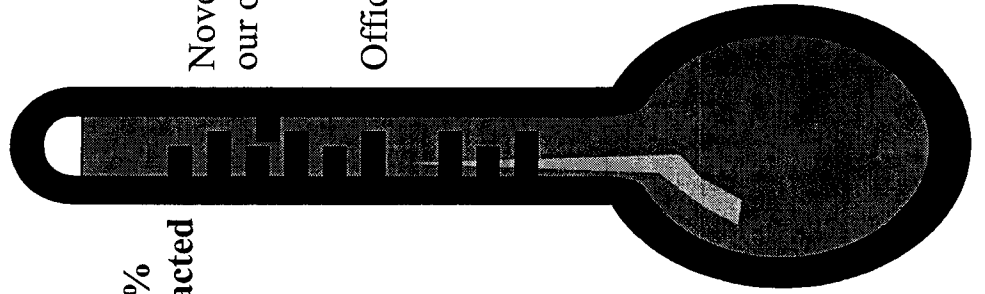
16 November 2005

The Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) goal for the 2005 campaign is 100% contact. As of 15 November 2005, the rate of contact was about 98% and approximately \$607,523 has been turned into our office.

Anyone interested in giving to this year's campaign should contact their Command Project Officer/Keyworker or the CFC Office. This year's campaign will officially end on 18 November 2005.

We look forward to another successful campaign and we thank you for your continued support.

POC: CFC Area Coordinator/Assistant 287-0345/286-6782



\$607,523

